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PATENT APPLICATION

## WITHER UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Llinas-Brunet, M. et al.

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For: HEPATITIS C INHIBITOR PEPTIDES

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: Lukton, D.

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 87, line 1, delete "78" and insert --79--.

In claim 88, line 1, delete "79" and insert --80--.

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## **REMARKS**

The claims are amended to correct informalities regarding claim dependency.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 6, 2000, Applicants